

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 773

By Southerland

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Newell "Hop" Byrd for his sixty years of service with the Newport Rescue Squad.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should specifically recognize those estimable citizens who have dedicated their time and energies to helping others; and

WHEREAS, Newell "Hop" Byrd of Cocke County is one such exemplary person who has served the good people of his community as a member of the Newport Rescue Squad for sixty years; and

WHEREAS, within two years of joining the squad, Mr. Byrd had helped fight a devastating fire in downtown Newport, cleared away debris left by a tornado, and joined others in recovering the bodies of thirty-nine plane crash victims in the Parrottsville community; and

WHEREAS, during less tragic occasions, Newell Byrd contributed thousands of volunteer hours, assisting at ball games, parades, the local fair, and other festivals; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Byrd is a recipient of the Governor's Volunteer Stars Award in recognition of his laudable commitment to his community; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Byrd is a model citizen, and his commitment to helping others as a member of the Newport Rescue Squad is representative of the Volunteer State, and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and commend Newell "Hop" Byrd for his sixty years of service to

his community as a member of the Newport Rescue Squad, applaud his outstanding community leadership, and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.